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VA working to prevent future information loss

By **Samantha L. Quigley**
American Forces Press Service

The Department of Veterans Affairs has begun a thorough examination of policies and procedures after the loss of 26.5 million veterans’ personal information, the VA’s leader told the House Armed Services Committee May 25.

“I’ve formed a task force ... to examine comprehensively all of our information security programs and policies to bring about a change in the way we do business,” R. James Nicholson said.

His testimony followed the May 22 announcement that a Veterans Affairs employee had taken electronic data home with him, though he was unauthorized to do so.

The information was stolen when his house was burglarized May 3, though Mr. Nicholson was not made aware of the loss until May 16.

The employee has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of a full-scale investigation, he said.

To prevent a recurrence, Mr. Nicholson told the committee he has initiated an immediate review of all current positions requiring access to sensitive data.

Those who need that access will be required to undergo updated law enforcement and background checks.

Employees also must complete cybersecurity awareness training and general privacy awareness courses by June 30.

Mr. Nicholson said they will then be required to sign an annual state-

ment indicating they are aware of the Privacy Act and the proper use of government property.

“I promise you that we will do everything in our power to structure a policy and a regulatory regimen that make clear what is proper use of data by our employees,” he said. “We will train employees in these policies and enforce them.”

Mr. Nicholson has directed the department’s information and technology office to revise the security guidelines for single-user remote access developed by the office of cyber and information security.

The document, to be completed by June 30, will set the standards for access, use and information security, he said.

The department also has taken extensive steps to notify and protect the affected veterans, he said.

They will be notified by individual letter, Mr. Nicholson said during the May 22 announcement.

The data stolen from the employees’ home contained the names and birth dates of 26.5 million veterans and some spouses, as well as Social Security numbers for 19.6 million veterans, he told the committee.

Also, some data lost could include numerical disability ratings and the diagnostic codes identifying disabilities being compensated.

“It is important to note that the data did not include any of the VA’s electronic health records,” Mr. Nicholson said. “Neither did it contain explicit financial information, although knowing a disability rating could enable one to compute what the implied terms of compensation

payments are.”

The VA also is working with the three major credit bureaus, and all three – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion – have simplified the process for veterans requesting a fraud alert.

Concerned veterans also can get more information by calling 800-333-4636 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT, Monday through Saturday to reach the manned call center. They can also visit the www.firstgov.gov Web site.

The Federal Trade Commission is encouraging veterans to report suspected incidents of identity theft via the commission’s identity-theft hotline at 877-438-4338. Banks also have received an advisory from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

“It explains what happened and asks the banks to exercise extra diligence in processing veterans’ payments,” Mr. Nicholson said. “The advisory also reminds the banks of their legal obligations to verify the identities of persons seeking to open new accounts.”

The secretary added that VA would be working very closely with the president’s Identity Theft Task Force on this issue.

“VA’s mission to serve and honor our nation’s veterans is one we take seriously, and the 235,000 dedicated VA employees are deeply saddened by any concern or anxiety this incident is causing our veterans and their families,” he said.

“We’re working hard to keep this most unfortunate circumstance from causing them undue pain and anxiety.”



Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle
3rd Wing commander

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. RHIANNON WILLARD

3rd Mission Support Group change of command

Col. James Harrold accepts the guidon of the 3rd Mission Support Group from Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, 3rd Wing commander. Colonel Harrold took command of the 3rd MSG May 28. The colonel is a 23-year veteran of the Air Force whose recent assignments include Chief, Transportation Division, Directorate of Maintenance and Logistics, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va. and deputy commander, 5th Mission Support Group, Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

As the 3rd MSG commander, he is responsible for 2,400 personnel working in nine units: Civil Engineering, Services, Mission Support, Security Forces, Communications, Logistics Readiness, Contracting, NCO Professional Military Education Center, and Airman Dormitories. His group maintains combat and contingency readiness forces and supports two forward operating locations.

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3rd Wing Moment in History

June 1, 1940:

The Anchorage Daily News announced that 800 soldiers were due to arrive in Anchorage within six weeks. A few days later, Gen George C. Marshall, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, stated that 3,000 troops might come to Anchorage.



Northern Edge '06 Roars Over Alaska's Skies

By Lt. Col. James Law
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

Exercise Northern Edge 2006, the largest military training exercise in Alaska this year, begins Monday, with more than 5,000 U.S. active duty and reserve component Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines participating.

This air-centric exercise sponsored by Alaskan Command will involve more than 110 Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine aircraft and two Navy destroyers. It will be conducted mainly from Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, from Eielson AFB near Fairbanks, on and above central Alaska military training ranges and the Gulf of Alaska.

The exercise will help prepare forces to respond to crises in the Asian Pacific region by practicing operations, techniques and procedures; by improving command, control, and communication relationships; and by developing interoperable plans and programs. Participants will practice defensive counter air,

close air support, air interdiction of maritime targets, and personnel recovery missions.

"Northern Edge 2006 will prepare us for worldwide deployment, and enables real-world proficiency in detection and tracking units at sea, in the air, and on land in response to multiple crisis situations," said Col. John Marselus, ALCOM's Joint Exercise Division chief.

According to Colonel Marselus, Alaska offers a cost effective and low risk training venue that includes

expansive aerial ranges and airspace, several major military installations, and a strong support network for exercise participants, "a combination that can't be found anywhere else in the Pacific region."

New to the Northern Edge exercise this year are the combination of live and simulated assets to create more realistic combat scenarios with a large number of virtual participants, the addition of a Navy carrier air wing operating out of Elmendorf, and the participation of the F-22A Raptor.

Twelve of the Air Force's new-



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN GARRETT HOTHAN

Several Airmen work on the F-22A Raptor. Twelve of the jets will be participating in the Alaskan Command Exercise Northern Edge 2006. This is the first time they will operate in the Pacific. Elmendorf is scheduled to be the next operational base for the Raptors.

est fighter aircraft will operate from Elmendorf for Northern Edge, their first continuous exercise and their first time flying outside the continental United States.

Alaska residents may see and hear increased flying activity during the exercise, which runs through June 16.

Operators of small civilian aircraft transiting Military Operations Areas should be aware and are encouraged to use the Special Use Airspace Information Service by calling (800) 758-8723. In Fairbanks, aviators can call 372-6913 or con-

tact Eielson Range Control via VHF radio on 125.3 MHz.

Pilots are also urged to always file a flight plan and to obtain the most current status of the MOAs from any FAA Automated Flight Service Station, Anchorage Center, or Eielson Range Control.

"We value the Alaskan communities that consistently support joint military training opportunities," said Colonel Marselus. We are grateful to Alaska's citizens for their support as we use our expansive aerial training ranges to conduct these critical exercises."

NJP, discharges and courts

Article 15s:

A senior airman with the 3rd Services Squadron received a vacation action for being absent for duty. A vacation action imposes a suspended punishment that had been adjudged by a previous Article 15.

His punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman basic.

A senior airman with the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron was late to work and was incapacitated for the performance of his duties due to an overindulgence of alcohol. He also made a false official statement.

His punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman first class with reduction to airman suspended, suspended forfeiture of \$713 pay for two months, and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class with the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron was derelict in the performance of his duties by drinking underage.

His punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

An airman from the 3rd EMS received a vacation action for being absent for duty.

His punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman basic.

An airman from the 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to insure his privately owned vehicle. He also forged an insurance policy for his vehicle.

His punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$100 pay for two months, and 30 days extra duty, with 15 days suspended.

Discharges:

An airman first class with the 3rd EMS was administratively discharged for minor disciplinary infractions. The member's misconduct included two Article 15s, one for sleeping on duty and the other for not showing up for work and making a false official statement. He also received one Letter of Reprimand and three Letters of Counseling.

The member's misconduct resulted in a General Discharge.

Courts:

Airman Joseph Roberts, 3rd Medical Support Squadron, was convicted of stealing two handheld electronic scanners valued at approximately \$5,000.

He was sentenced in a special court-martial to reduction in grade to E-1, forfeiture of \$600 pay per month for three months, three months confinement and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Airman Eric Wertz, 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, pleaded guilty to one charge of wrongfully using cocaine.

He was sentenced in a special court-martial to 30 days confinement, reduction to E-1 and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

(Courtesy of the 3rd Wing Legal Office)

Asian-Americans prove loyalty after Pearl Harbor

When Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941, America was thrown into a state of confusion and fright: the Japanese had attacked home soil – a feat once thought impossible.

Like everybody else on the island, the Nisei (American-born Japanese) reacted to the crisis by giving blood, providing first aid, and burying the dead. Despite their obvious loyalty, on January 19, 1942, the United States Army altered the status of Japanese-Americans of draft age to "4-C," or enemy alien, and most of those already enlisted were discharged.

Turning the other cheek, the Nisei responded by volunteering for menial tasks, such as breaking rock and landscaping. Their resilience paid off; on January 28, 1943, the Army announced that it would form an all-Nisei combat team of 1,500. Over 10,000 men volunteered.

Unlike their Hawaiian counterparts, Japanese-Americans on the mainland were paying the price of America's newfound fear. Nearly 110,000 people were forcibly relocated into internment camps across the Western states, leaving their jobs, homes, and lives behind them. Their country – which had promised liberties, rights, and freedoms seemed to turn its back on its own. When the call to arms came, however, 1,182 men enlisted of their own free will.

The two groups were brought together at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, to form the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Risk takers at heart, the group adopted the slogan "Go For Broke," and proved their willingness to give it all on the battlefield. In all, over 14,000 Nisei served during WWII.

Their extreme bravery earned them more than 18,000 individual decorations, including 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 9,486 Purple Hearts, and eight Presidential Unit Citations. They are the most heavily decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of the United States Military.

The men of the 442nd faced many adversities, both on the battlefield and at home. They were broken down and discarded by their own country, told they weren't worthy of the uniform; but with time, resilience, and bravery they proved to be worth their weight in gold. Let's remember that as we wrap up Asian Pacific Islander Observance Month.

(Courtesy of the 3rd Wing Military Equal Opportunity office)

Professionalism main lesson at NCOA

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Edwards
3rd Wing Public Affairs

“The times, they are a changin’.”
I’m sure most folks who have been in the Air Force for a couple of years have heard the term “re-blued”. It is a term people use when someone goes through some type of experience which makes them feel more patriotic and pro-Air Force – kind of like the feeling a basic trainee might feel on graduation day.

When I was preparing to attend the NCO Academy a couple of months ago, I heard that term quite a bit.

“You’re going to the Academy,” people would ask.
“Get ready to get re-blued. That’s all they do there.”

Granted, these well-intentioned individuals hadn’t attended the NCOA recently, and certainly hadn’t attended the Acad-

emy at Elmendorf, but they were still trying to help me get an idea of what to expect.

So what was it like at the NCOA? It was nothing like what I had expected or what I had heard – it was much better.

From the first day of class, I knew this was going to be a different experience than what my peers may have had.

True, there are papers to write and speeches to present, but one common theme seemed to tie it all together – professionalism.

The NCOA, like the Air Force, is changing to meet today’s and tomorrow’s needs. Rather than focus on making people eat, sleep and

bleed blue, the focus was more to develop a professional NCO corps.

Right now, we have more enlisted people with college degrees than at any time in our history.

The Airmen, NCO and Senior NCO corps are more educated and have more responsibilities than ever before; and today’s Professional Military Education is reflecting this in the way lessons are taught.

Gone are the days of sitting through

countless hours of lecture. Now, lessons are taught through guided discussions which draw on the knowledge and expertise of everyone in the classroom.

The idea of attending PME “because it is required” no longer has much bearing. The focus now is developing better leaders through professional development. We are a professional force and we train and educate ourselves as such.

It’s no secret; our Air Force is getting even smaller. We are going to have to rely on each other even more than before if we want to remain the world’s dominant air power. To do this we need to take care of each other and that is a second theme that seemed to dominate my experience at the NCOA.

“Take care of your troops and they’ll take care of you.” How many times have we heard people say that? How many times have you said it? What exactly does that phrase mean?

To me, taking care of your troops goes beyond just asking how everything is going. It also includes getting actively involved in people’s lives. You know ... mentorship.

Rather than pencil-whipping training records, supervisors need to take the time to ensure their folks can not only perform a given task, but also make sure that person knows the “whys” behind it.

Instead of asking if they are

doing o.k. financially, supervisors need to go that extra step. Have your troops explain their financial plan and budget to you. If they can’t or don’t have one, help them get one set up. The Military and Family Readiness Center is an excellent resource for this.

Rather than asking “Are you going to stay in or get out?” ask them what their career or life aspirations are and work to help make their goals and dreams a reality.

By taking a few extra minutes to really get actively involved in their lives, you will make a positive impact that not only benefits the Air Force right now, but will continue to benefit the Air Force long after you retire.

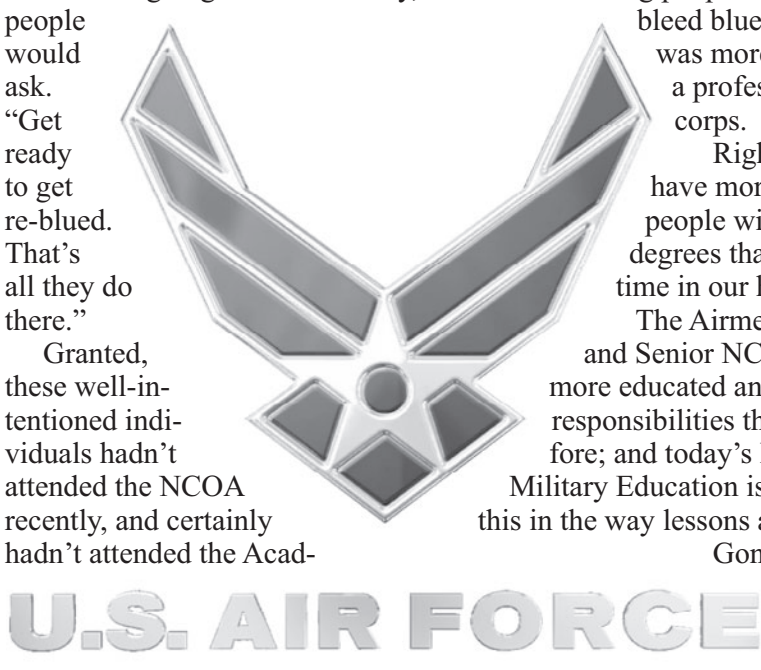
This is all a part of professionalism and taking care of your people – concepts I learned while attending PME.

True, I had a great class, great instructors and learned quite a bit, but I don’t think my experiences here will be considered unique anymore. The NCO Academy is changing, as is the Air Force to meet today’s and tomorrow’s needs.

So did I feel “re-blued?”

No. I felt like and was treated as a professional. I came away with a better understanding of my roles and responsibilities.

I no longer feel like “just an NCO,” but more like a professional Airman.



Sourdough Spotlight

Air Force Daedalian Award
3rd Maintenance Group

3rd Wing/Team Elmendorf
Quarterly Award Winners

3rd Wing/Team Elmendorf

NCO
Tech. Sgt. Scott Waugaman
3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Junior Enlisted Member
Senior Airman Patrina James
3rd Medical Support Squadron

Civilian Category II
Patty Leber
3rd Medical Support Squadron

3rd Wing

Flight
3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron
Vehicle Management Flight

CGO
1st Lt. Todd Garner
3rd Contracting Squadron

SNCO
Senior Master Sgt. Darren Walker
3rd EMS

Civilian Category I
Cherie Curtis
3rd Services Squadron

Civilian Category III
Hazim Yunis
3rd Civil Engineer Squadron

Team Elmendorf

Flight
611th Air Support Squadron
Forward Operating
Locations Flight

CGO
1st Lt. Kevin Madden
381st Intelligence Squadron

SNCO
Senior Master Sgt. Robert Ehrhart
381st IS

Civilian Category I
Kelly Wright
732nd Aircraft Mobility Squadron

Civilian Category III
David Eisenhuth
732nd AMS

Honor Guard
Senior Airman Joseph Wertz

2005 Pacific Air Forces
Outstanding Band Junior
Enlisted Member
Senior Airman Darren Raybourne
PACAF Band of the Pacific

2005 Pacific Air Forces
Outstanding Senior NCO
Master Sgt. Judy Westfall
PACAF Band of the Pacific

Pacific Air Forces
Outstanding Air
Transportation Individual of
the Year Award
Tech. Sgt. Alton Faulk
3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron





Outbound Boniface closure

All outbound lanes of the Boniface gate will be closed from 7 a.m. to noon June 23 for repairs and maintenance. All exiting traffic should use other available gates to depart Elmendorf.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. David Blais at 552-6517.

Bluff Road Gate delays

Members using the Bluff Road Gate should expect delays due to construction in the Government Hill area.

Muldoon Gate closure

Due to construction, the Muldoon Gate will be closed July 10-August 1.

For more information, call Airman 1st Class Carlos Lopez at 552-4011 or Hazim Yunis at 552-3079.

Road closures

- Due to housing construction in the New Denver development, Luke and McCloud Avenues, near Mt. Spurr Elementary, are closed between 16th and 17th Streets until November.
- The southbound lane of 18th Street from Fighter Drive to Kuter Avenue will be closed for repaving

until Tuesday. However, the Kuter intersection will be open.

Change of command

The 732nd Air Mobility Squadron’s change of command is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the 732nd Freight Warehouse.

Col. Michael Thornton will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Michael Oberbroeckling. Dress is uniform of the day.

VA Wheelchair Games volunteer training

Training is now in session for volunteers of the 26th National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Anchorage July 3-8.

Volunteers can register for the session by e-mailing Leanne Rowley at leanne@alaskadestinations.com.

Volunteers needed

Arctic Thunder 2006, Elmendorf’s air show and open house, is Aug. 12-13. The air show team is seeking volunteers for various tasks. People interested in helping should call 552-5324 or 552-5414, or e-mail 2nd Lt. Joseph Douglass at joseph.douglass@elmendorf.af.mil or Senior Master Sgt. Richard Lister at richard.lister@elmendorf.af.mil.

For more details about the event, call 552-SHOW (7469).

Vacation Bible School

The Base Chapel is sponsoring a

Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m.-noon June 12-16 at Chapel One.

For more information, call Peggy Brown at 646-4279.

Technology show

The 3rd Communications Squadron is hosting its annual technology show from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 13 at the Susitna Club.

The show is free to all members and refreshments will be available.

For more information, call Scott Butcher at 552-1239.

Home buying seminar

The Elmendorf Housing office is offering a home buying seminar at 1 p.m. Monday at the Housing Office, 6346 Arctic Warrior Drive. The class lasts approximately two to three hours.

Seating is limited; call 552-4439 or 552-4328 for reservations.

Suicide prevention

A suicide prevention briefing is being held at 8:30 am Thursday and 3 p.m. June 28 at the base theater.

Tuition assistance

- Anyone who has applied for Tuition Assistance for the summer semester should log on to AFVEC to verify their forms are still signed. The Education Office had to edit a number of TA requests which removes the student’s signature.
- The schools will not take these TA forms without the student’s digi-

tal signature and you may be dropped from the course or charged a late fee. If you are unsure whether or not your TA form is at your school, please call the school’s office to verify.

■ Tuition Assistance is not authorized after the fact. Students attempting to obtain their TA after their courses have already started will be required to pay for those courses. Students are highly encouraged to make application for their TA at least one week prior to the start of their class to avoid any complications that may delay the approval.

For more information, call 552-3164 or stop by the Education Office for personal assistance.

Arctic Warrior Olympics

This year’s Arctic Warrior Olympics is June 29. Sign-ups for the events are done online from a government computer at <https://portal.elmendorf.af.mil/units/AFLocal/AWO/default.aspx>.

Suicide intervention

The Chapel is offering a two-day Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-June 9 at the Chapel 1 annex.

The class is open to all commanders, first sergeants and supervisors and teaches how to notice suicide ideation; how to intervene with a person at risk; and how to get people who are at risk to the appropriate resources for support.

Please R.S.V.P. to Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Porter, or Chaplain (Capt.) Mathew Boyd at 552-4422.

Rainbow Trout limit changed

The recently published 2006-2007 Alaska Department of Fish and Game sport fishing regulation limits have been rescinded and replaced.

Effective May 13, the bag and possession limit for rainbow trout in Anchorage’s stocked lakes and streams was reduced to two per day, two in possession. Only one trout may be 20 inches or longer.

This Emergency Order applies to stocked lakes on Elmendorf (Fish Lake, Green Lake, Hillberg Lake, Spring Lake, Triangle Lake, and Upper Six Mile Lake).

Free PACAF Band performance

The U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific’s Alaska Brass is performing at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Anchorage Town Square. The performance is free.

Aurora refuse and pick-up schedule

Aurora Tenants are asked to use the dumpster closest to their unit whenever possible, and to never leave unsightly refuse on the ground because it attracts unwanted wildlife into residential areas.

If tenants have larger items that are too bulky to easily fit in the resi-

dential dumpsters please be advised that there is a huge roll off dumpster at Aurora’s main office, bldg 6350.

Environmentally unsafe items such as motor oil or batteries must be taken to the Anchorage landfill. The schedule for refuse pick-up is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout Aurora Military Housing with additional pick-ups Monday through Saturday in areas of heavier concentration due to moves in Moose Crossing.

For concerns or additional information call AMH at 753-1023.

FSC name change

To reflect its ongoing mission, the name of the Family Support Center has been officially changed to the Military and Family Readiness Center.

AAHC

The African American Heritage Council is having a committee meeting at 11:30 a.m. June 13 at the Susitna Club. For more information, call Senior Airman Saroya Warren at 249-1109.

SGLI premium change

The Service Members Group Life Insurance premium rate will increase from 6.5 cents per \$1,000 to 7 cents per \$1,000 July 1. There is also an additional \$1 charge for traumatic injury protection. Also July 1, the Family SGLI premium will decrease by approximately \$2 per month depending on the spouse’s age.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

■ **Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center

■ **Thursday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel

■ **Sunday Mass:** 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1

■ **Sunday Evening Mass:** 5 p.m. at Chapel 2

■ **Confession:** 4:30 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2

■ **Catholic Religious Education:** 9 a.m. Sundays at the Chapel Center.

Protestant Sunday

■ **Liturgical Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 2

■ **Traditional Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 1

■ **Gospel Service:** noon at Chapel 1

■ **Contemporary:** 6 p.m. at Chapel 1

■ **Protestant Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.

For more details, call the Chapel at 552-4422.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DAVID DONOVAN

Senior Airman Justin Kambic

Organization and duty title: 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron dedicated crew chief
Hometown: Butte, Mont.
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, spending time with his family and training his dog
Mission contributions: Provides combat-capable aircraft through safe, quality, and timely maintenance
Time at Elmendorf: One year, three months
Best part about being in Alaska: The many opportunities to be outdoors
Quote from supervisor: “Airman Kambic is easily the most professional junior mechanic in our section and was a natural selection for appointment by the 3rd Maintenance Group commander to serve as Dedicated Crew Chief in the 12th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, a position normally filled by a staff or technical sergeant. He sets the standard in our section by demonstrating the highest levels of knowledge and professionalism in our career field, and has been a key player since day one of his arrival from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.” Master Sgt. Billy Kerr



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. RHIANNON WILLARD

Tech. Sgt. Michael Jackson

Organization and duty title: 90th Fighter Squadron superintendent, lead client support administrator
Hometown: Amory, Miss.
Hobbies: Photography, woodworking and drag racing
Mission contributions: Keeps all the computer systems up-to-date and working properly and all the necessary paperwork flows properly which ensures 70 aircrew and 18 enlisted careers are on the proper path to success in our Air Force.
Time at Elmendorf: Three years
Time in the Air Force: 17 years, eight months
Best part about being in Alaska: The people and never-ending beauty of the surroundings in the Great Land
Quote from commander: “As my squadron superintendent, Sergeant Jackson keeps the enlisted force on track with our combat mission. As the NCOIC of the commander’s support staff he keeps the ‘front office’ above water, and as my lead CSA he works everyday to keep us up to speed with the ever-changing communications requirements. Our Air Force needs more NCOs like him.” Lt. Col. Colin Wright

‘Ye old fishin’ hole’

Elmendorf lakes stocked with rainbow trout



Top left: Bob McFadden, Elmendorf Hatchery assistant manager pipes rainbow trout into Green Lake for the season.

Top right: Mr. McFadden prepares the trout before piping them into Green Lake. The limit for rainbow trout in all Elmendorf lakes has been reduced to two per day, two in possession and only one trout may be 20 inches or longer.

Left: The trout are prepared to be released from the holding tank. Only one-third of the normal 106,000 rainbow trout were released this year due to the loss of warm water at the state fish hatcheries.

Bottom: Mr. McFadden hooks up a hose as he prepares to stock Green Lake with rainbow trout. The previous limits of five per day, five in possession have been rescinded. However, the fish released this year are larger than in years passed, at 12 inches long and weighing about a half-pound when they were released.

Bottom right: Mr. McFadden inspects one of the rainbow trout released into Green Lake. Stocking levels should return to normal for the 2007 season.



Photos by Senior Airman Garrett Hothan



JBER keeps wildfires down

By Senior Airman Jared Marquis
3rd Wing Public Affairs

As the weather gets warmer and the foliage continues to grow, the chances of a wildfire will lessen. Until then, there is still a lot of dead foliage in and around the Anchorage Bowl, making May one of the worst months for wildfires.

In an effort to prevent fires like the 81-acre Otter Lake fire on Ft. Richardson last week, the members of the Joint Base Elmendorf and Richardson Fire and Emergency Services have been busy trying to clear up the dead foliage.

One of the areas that pose the most risk is the ranges, said Master Sgt. Scott Pastor, Deputy Fire Chief.

“Because the Army trains the way they fight they use live fire and tracer rounds during their training,” said Sergeant Pastor. “With the dead and dry foliage lying around, this increases the possibility of starting a wildfire.”



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To decrease that possibility, the crews from JBER, along with crews from the Bureau of Land Management and the Alaska Division of Forestry conducted controlled burns in and around the ranges in early May.

According to Sergeant Pastor, there were eight locations the crews conducted the burns. In order to do this, the conditions have to be perfect.

“In order to conduct a controlled burn, we have to get the burn plans approved. This means we have to coordinate with the Municipality of Anchorage, BLM, the Garrison commander and the Fire Chief has to sign off on it,” he said.

“The burn plan has to specify the exact conditions in which we would perform the burn, including where the burn will take place, when, temperature, wind conditions, relative humidity and any other variables.”

Once a burn plan is approved, the firefighters wait for the right conditions. Then they travel out to the location and start preparing.

“Once we start the burn, we have several people

monitoring the conditions. If the conditions get outside the established parameters, we stop the burn,” he said.

According to Sergeant Pastor, the crews never burn with the wind, they start on the extreme line opposite the wind. They burn an approximately six inch line called a hold line.

When that line reaches the desired width, the crews standing by put out the fire. Sergeant Pastor said the process remains the same throughout the burn. They start another line that burns into the first line and expand the area.

Besides lessening the possibility of a wildfire, Sergeant Pastor said these burns are a great way to train and certify JBER crew members on how to fight a wild fire.

“The BLM teaches several classes, one on the basics of wild land firefighting and wildfire behavior,” he said. “In addition, each crew member must be able to carry a 45 pound pack three miles. This ensures they are able to handle the arduous task of fighting a wildfire.”

Sergeant Pastor said having this type of training helps them prevent

fires from getting to the size of last week’s fire on Ft. Rich. To date, there have been five smaller fires they were able to contain.

While the JBER crews are able to respond to wildfires, if they are unable to control them, the Alaska Division of Forestry and the BLM are ready to send in smoke jumpers, aircraft and hot-shot crews to help get the fires, like the one last week, under control.

While the cause of last week’s fire is still under investigation, Sergeant Pastor said the key to prevention is knowing your surroundings.

“Be aware of what the fire condition is. Know the temperatures and be responsible when dealing with fire or even disposing of charcoal. Call to make sure it is okay to have an open flame in the area you plan on being in. Even a cigarette can start a wildfire under the right conditions,” he said.

Sergeant Pastor said there is a sign on the way to the backside of the base that gives the fire weather index for that day. He also said people can call 384-0774 or 552-2801 to get the current fire weather index.



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Clockwise from top right: Through smoke generated by a controlled fire, Senior Airman Tracy McGregor, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, and other members of the Joint Base Elmendorf and Richardson Fire and Emergency Services burn dead and dry foliage during a controlled burn.

Staff Sgt. Adam Bowens, 3rd CES, and other crew members keep the fire under control and away from the surrounding forest.

JBER firefighters use a drip torch and flapper to establish a new fire line. The teams destroyed the foliage in approximately eight areas on Ft. Rich and Elmendorf.

The May 23 Ft. Rich Otter Lake fire that consumed 81-acres. JBER members prepare supplies and gear for their journey to the firing range at Malamut for a controlled burn. The Army uses live rounds and tracers during training, which can spark dead and dry foliage.

Staff Sgt. Jason McPhail, 3rd CES, torches surrounding foliage.

Cover: Tech. Sgt. Timothy Kernstein, 3rd CES, lays down a fire using a drip torch to begin the controlled burn process.



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ages 3 & 4
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Play at the Polar Bowl



Family Child Care Training and Orientation 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 13-16

Take a step toward a career of a lifetime. Providers are needed to do care during swing and evening shifts. Applicants interested in these shifts receive priority for training and licensing. Family Child Care * 552-3995 * Bldg. 5091

Today

Give Parents a Break 7-11 p.m., parents must have a referral and a reservation, Denali Child Development Center, 552-8304

Belly Dancing 6:30-7:30 p.m., \$40 per month, eight-week sessions for ages 13 and older, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

Saturday

Pottery "Sculpting in Clay" with Dr. Dianne Aslanis 11 a.m.-2 p.m. also June 10, 24 and 27, \$65, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Polymer Clay 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. also June 10 and 17, \$35, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

National Trails Day see display on national historic and scenic byways/trails within Alaska, Library, 552-3787

Sunday

Sunday Brunch 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$16.95 *Members First* price, \$19.95 regular price, \$7.95 for children age 6-12, Susitna Café, 753-3131

Family Xtreme Bowling 1-8 p.m., \$30 for up to six bowlers, shoe rental, one lane for two hours, two pitchers of soda and popcorn, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Monday

Kenpo Karate 6-7 p.m. for ages 4-18

and 7-8 p.m. for adults, \$30 per month, ages 4 to adult, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

Monday Evening Road Bike Ride 5:30 p.m., \$6 bike rental, Outdoor Recreation, 552-2023

Tuesday

Stained Glass "Beginning Fusing and Slumping" 6:30-9 p.m. also June 13, 20 and 27, \$150, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Eagle River Rafting 5-7:30 p.m., \$30, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

Wednesday

New Parent Orientation 9:30 a.m. at all CDCs

Kayak Training 5-8 p.m., \$25, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

Celebrate Donald Duck's Birthday 10:30 a.m., Donald Duck will be the theme for Preschool Story Hour and Make It, Take It, Library, 552-3787

Beading "Wisteria Earrings" (Grapevine) 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$25 plus kit, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Beginner Sign Language for the Deaf/ASL 5-7 p.m. also June 14, 21 and 28, \$45 plus dictionary, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Thursday

Arts & Crafts Open House 5-7 p.m.,

free food and giveaways, bring your *Passport to Fun* to this Customer Appreciation Celebration event, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Beginning and Advanced Stained Glass 6:30-9 p.m. also June 15, 22 and 29, \$85 plus glass, limit eight people, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Eagle River Rafting 5-7:30 p.m., \$30, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

Pottery on the Wheel Glazing and Orientation 6:30-8:30 p.m. also June 15 and 22, \$45, limit four people, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Beginner Quilting 6-9 p.m. also June 15, 22 and 29, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Thursday Night Madness 5-9 p.m., \$18 per lane, up to five bowlers, shoes not included, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Thursday Evening Mountain Bike Ride 5:30 p.m., \$5 bike rental, Outdoor Recreation, 552-2023

June 9

Preteen Dance and Lock-In 8 p.m., \$5 for dance or free if attending Lock-In, \$25 for Lock-In, ages 9-12, minimum 15 participants for Lock-In must be registered by June 2, Youth Center, 552-2266

Babysitting Certification Course 8 a.m.-5 p.m., \$29, graduates will be included in the base babysitter's referral

list, ages 12-18, limit 20 participants, preregister at Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

One-Stroke Floral Arrangements 6:30-9 p.m. also June 16 and 23, \$35, bring item of choice to paint, Arts & Crafts 552-7012 or 552-2478

Now Showing

Today 7 p.m. PG-13
Benchwarmers

Gus and his nerdy buddies, Richie and Clark, are scouted by a millionaire nerd who wants to form a baseball team and compete with the meanest Little League teams in the state. A stellar ballplayer, Gus becomes a role model for nerds and outcasts everywhere. But when his fans learn that Gus was once a school bully, they feel outraged and betrayed.

Saturday 7 p.m. PG-13
Phat Girlz

A smart-mouthed aspiring fashion designer struggles to find love and acceptance in a world full of "hot bodied" babes.

Sunday 6 p.m. PG-13
Benchwarmers

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75
Movie Recording Line: 552-2344
Movies subject to change

Safety First

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Across

1. Internet provider
4. Latch
9. Thailand once
13. Safety gear, in short
14. Immerse in liquid
15. Sleeping disorder
16. Droop
17. Impale
18. Wagons
19. Italian-born fashion designer
Schiaparelli
21. Light humorous, nonsensical
verse
23. Officially
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30. Creeks
36. Chinese general’s famous
chicken
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38. Head protection
39. Commandeers

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May 26 solutions

41. Johanna Spyri’s children’s
story
42. Stone fruit
43. Oldest state-supported U.S.
military college
45. Trespass
46. Sight protection item
49. Head protection item
51. More domineering
53. Driving protection item
58. Throw
62. Skylighted central areas
63. Cruddy
67. Health resort
68. Guide by a wheel
69. Follow
70. Axis
71. Char
72. Harvests
73. Mil. defense advocate

Down

1. Church part
2. Semiprecious stone
3. Lower limbs
4. NBC rival
5. ___ of luxury; easy street
6. Dined
7. 2004 movie ___ We Dance
8. Dangers
9. Box
10. Latin ID for Jesus
11. MAJCOM Vance AFB belongs
to
12. Respiratory protection item
15. Pilot with 5+ kills
20. European mount
22. Urban legend
24. Go by
25. Fellow

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26. Ripen
27. Solo instrument composition
28. Estimate
29. Path
31. Bring back to work
32. Subject of Deep Impact
33. Pennsylvania people
34. Reporters
35. Term
40. Embroider
43. DVD predecessor
44. ___ - tai drink
47. Honest prez.
48. Wheel

50. 2000 movie ___ and the
Women
52. Rock
53. Lip
54. Kitchen or leather suffix
55. Region
56. Column
57. Prohibit
59. Federal safety org.
60. Tater
61. Mil. First Aid course
64. Born in the ___
65. Dine
66. No alternative

SPORTS PAGE

Mighty Tots baseball in full-swing



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Left: Michael Russell, son of Staff Sgt. James and Kati Russell, swings the bat while Fran Nickson gives him batting tips. Michael is one of 80 participants in the Elmendorf Mighty Tots Baseball League.

Top right: Christian Lujin, son of Staff Sgt. Brian and Crystal Lujin, stops a grounder during practice. The Mighty Tot leagues are held 10-11 a.m. Mondays-Thursdays at the Youth Center. The purpose of the league is to give 3 and 4 year-olds a head start in athletic activities.

Above: Mighty Tots coach Marlin Smith rallies the team during practice. Each sport lasts six weeks.

Sport Shorts

Arctic Warrior Olympics

Volunteers are needed for the Arctic Warrior Olympics children's events.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Capt. Jennifer Aaron at 552-3451.

Volunteers are also needed for the push-up and sit-up competition.

Call Airman 1st Class Samantha Soran at 580-1401.

Fishing licenses

Fishing licenses and King Stamps are available at Outdoor Recreation. They can also stamp licenses for on-base fishing.

Call 552-2023 for more information.

PACAF Centralized Summer Camp

The Pacific Air Forces Centralized Summer Camp will take place July 10-14 at the Okuma Joint Services Recreations Facility in Japan.

Travel, lodging, meals and activity fees will be provided at no cost to two Elmendorf youth ages 9-18.

Interested participants must be members of the youth program and participate in Fit Factor

and reached the "energy" level.

For more information, or to pick up an application, call the Youth Center at 552-2266.

Youth outdoor soccer and flag football registration

Registration for youth outdoor soccer and flag football is now-June 15 at the Youth Center. The season is July 10-September 1.

Outdoor soccer is for ages 5-18 and costs \$55.

Flag football is for ages 9-12 and costs \$55.

Mighty Tots soccer is for ages 3-5 and costs \$30.

All participants must be Youth Center members. For more information, call 552-2266.

Canadian component golf tournament

The Elmendorf Canadian Component is hosting a golf tournament at the Eagle Glen Golf Course June 30. It is a 4-person scramble with a 7 a.m. shotgun start.

The \$25 fee includes prizes, a meal and beverages.

For more information, or to register, call Capt. Derren Reck at 552-2293, Capt. Ted Livingston at 552-2294 or Debbie Davis at 552-5529.

Annual Elmendorf Triathlon

The Annual Elmendorf Triathlon is scheduled for June 24. The race will begin at 10 a.m. at the Ft. Richardson swimming pool.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Stephen Boyd at 552-5353.

Bike maintenance clinics

Outdoor Recreation is sponsoring bike maintenance clinics at 1 p.m. Saturday, 4:30 p.m. May 12 and 10 a.m. May 27.

The class is \$5 and teaches the basics of bike maintenance. For more information, call 552-2023.

Outdoor Adventure Program

Hiking, biking, kayaking and rafting are a few of the adventures sponsored by the Outdoor Adventure Program. OAP is located inside the Outdoor Recreation building.

For more information call 552-2023.